

Arlington Cultural Council Minutes
Monday, July 11, 2016
Arlington Senior Center, 7:00pm*

*Meeting scheduled from 7-9pm to allow extra time for discussing the website

Present: Suzi Lubar, Lauren Richmond, Brigitte Buehler-Probst, Lisbet Taylor, Karin Blum, Jeff Timperi, Merli Guerra

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm

ITEM 1 Approval of June Minutes

The June minutes were unanimously approved

ITEM 2 Website feedback for mock-ups

Overall, members of the council were happy with the draft layout for the website that Lauren presented. She is planning to use a WordPress template and the main page will be an image with menus at the top and a one line description of the council in the center. Jeff T advised Lauren to keep the website simple since, someone else will have to maintain it in the future. Lauren's next step will be to gather and organize the content from the current website. Lisbet volunteered to edit member bios if they are included. Lauren needs to be made an admin; Merli will take care of it. Lauren will give an update at the next meeting.

ITEM 3 Annual Treasurer's Report to Council

Jeff T presented council members with a spreadsheet showing what grants have currently been paid and what is still outstanding. The council originally allocated itself \$300 for expenses. With the fee for a Town Day booth on top of earlier expenses, this amount will be used up. The council is allowed to allocate 5% of the \$12,200 received from the MCC for expenses, so Jeff T will look into increasing the \$300 using the grant turned down by Yogi Shridhare. The status of 2016 grants is listed below.

Grant Number	Grant Recipient	Liaison	Status
2016-01	Of the Shimmering Winter Air (Opal Ensemble) \$750	Suzi Lubar	RFP paid
2016-02	Arlington All-Town Brass Band (Dan Fox) \$750	Jeff Timperi	Jeff joined the band. Band performed at A-Town jazz Fest, Feast of the East In addition to Town Night. Event scheduled for 9/16.

2016-03	Family Festival (Belmont World Film) \$750	Karin Blum	RFP paid
2016-04	East Arlington Public Art Initiative (Arlington Public Art) \$1,000	Lisbet Taylor	Multiple pop up events planned need to clarify which is under the grant.
2016-05	Tap & Blues (Weber & O'Herin) \$500	Merli Guerra	On track for 8/13/16
2016-06	From India to Walden Pond (Yogi Shridhare) \$500	Lisbet Taylor	Turned down partial funding
2016-07	Music To Cure MS (Marion Leeds Carroll) \$500	Merli Guerra	On track for 10/30/16
2016-08	Dancing Through the Decades (Dance Caliente) \$750	Brigitte Buehler-Probst	On track for 7/14/16
2016-10	Arlington Author Salon (Robbins Library) \$1,500	Brigitte Buehler-Probst	Two sessions completed, two more in July and October
2016-11	LGBTQ Youth Arts & Mural Project (ACA) \$1,500	Lauren Richmond	Project complete, Lauren will check on RFP
2016-12	Connecting Threads Exhibition (Arlington Historical Soc.) \$1,375	Suzi Lubar	Project complete, Suzi will check on RFP
2016-18	New Printed Interpretive (Dallin Art Museum) \$600	Lauren Richmond	Lauren will check on status
2016-19	Performance at OSM and Dallin Museum (Creek River String Band) \$300	Jeff Timperi	Performances scheduled for July and September
2016-20	Memoir Writing/Reading (Pamela Powell) \$600	Karin Blum	RFP received
2016-21	Music by the Undertones (Old Schwamb Mill) \$375	Jeff Boudreau	RFP paid
2016-22	Musical Storytelling Program (Powers Music School) \$250	Lisbet Taylor	RFP paid
2016-24	Teen Publication (Marble Collection) \$200	Karin Blum	RFP paid

ITEM 4 Grant cycle

Grant applications are due on Monday 10/17/16 by 5pm, and are to be submitted online. Lauren will put information about the new grant cycle on the current website. Lisbet volunteered to update the grant guidelines for this year. She also offered to run the information session to be held on Tuesday 7/20 from 7-8:30pm. Merli will also try to attend.

Dates discussed for grant presentations were 11/8-11/9, from 7-8:30pm. However, the council is discussing moving them earlier so that grant deliberations could be held earlier. This would be helpful since Merli is not available the weekend of 11/12.

Suzi will send out a poll to determine dates, and will reserve meeting rooms once dates are set.

ITEM 5 Guidelines review and approval vote

Merli made the changes discussed at the June meeting. The council also decided to change membership restrictions to allow members to be 16 or older rather than adult. Lisbet abstained, and all other members present voted to approve the new version.

ITEM 6 Discuss ACC's potential role in the creation of the Cultural District

Karin reported that she has been in touch with Stephanie Marlin-Curiel, who, along with Barbara Costa, is co-chair of ACAC. Their July meeting was canceled due to scheduling conflicts. ACAC would like an ACC member to attend their August meeting. Karin will check on the date. Jeff T will try to attend. If no one can attend, the council agreed that we should get together with them another time, perhaps with APA as well.

ITEM 7 Town Day Planning update

Merli submitted the Town Day booth application. Liaisons should ask their grantees for materials. Suzi will ask Eliza to borrow the canopy again. Council members will sign up for time slots at the August meeting.

ITEM 8. Membership/Co-chair role as Karin's term ends and Nilou resigns

Nilou has resigned due to work commitments. Karin's term is ending in August, and Lisbet is interested in becoming co-chair for the remainder of this year. If this occurs, the council will need a new corresponding secretary. Merli and Lisbet will talk about the co-chair position before the next meeting.

ITEM 9 New Business

Merli suggested that the council fund some sort of community event series next year. Karin thinks we would apply for separate funding from MCC. Merli will look into it.

Upcoming Events

- July 14 – Dance Caliente, 1-2:15
- Aug 10, Monthly meeting, Sr. Center
- Aug 13 - Stefanie Weber, 7pm
- Sept 1 – LCC applications open online
- Sept 12 – Monthly meeting, Senior Center
- Sept. 16 - Dan Fox
- Sept. 17 - Arlington Town Day
- Sept 20 – Grant Info session, 7-8:30pm
- Oct 17 – Grant applications due by 5pm
- Oct. 30, Music to Cure MS, 3-5pm